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SUBJECT: MENINGITIS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY

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SUMMARY: THERE ARE PRESENTLY EIGHT REPORTED CASES OF MENINGITIS IN PARAGUAY, ALL TYPE C, ALL REPORTED IN ASUNCION. ALTHOUGH PARAGUAYAN HEALTH AUTHORITIES ARE CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN A STATE OF ALERT, THEY DO NOT CONSIDER THE SPORADIC OUTBREAKS OF MENINGITIS HERE TO BE SERIOUS. THEY DO NOT PLAN ANY MEASURES TO RESTRICT TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE COUNTRY. ALONG THE BORDER TRANSIT AREAS WITH BRAZIL, SCHOOL VACATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TWO WEEKS TO AVOID UNNECESSARY EXPOSURE OF CHILDREN TO CROWDS. PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION REPORTS EMPHASIZED THAT THE CITIZENRY SHOULD TAKE NORMAL HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AND THAT THEY NEED NOT FEAR ANYTHING OF EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS. END SUMMARY.

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1. PARAGUAY HAS AVERAGED ABOUT 50 CASES OF MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS YEARLY, MOSTLY TYPE C. THE RECENT OUTBREAK IN NEIGHBORING BRAZIL IS EXPECTED TO HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT HERE. AT PRESENT THERE ARE EIGHT CASES OF TYPE C MENINGITIS REPORTED IN ASUNCION AND NO VERIFIED CASES ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. ONE DEATH HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE DISEASE THUS FAR. THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS THE NECESSARY MEANS TO RENDER ADEQUATE ATTENTION AND LOCAL LABORATORIES ARE EQUIPPED FOR DIAGNOSIS AND IDENTIFICATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF MENINGITIS. THERE ARE SUFFICIENT DOCTORS TRAINED IN THE TREATMENT OF MENINGITIS IN PARAGUAY TO COPE WITH THE PRESENT LIMITED NUMBER OF CASES.

2. HEALTH MINISTER ADAN GODOY GIMENEZ IS PRESENTLY HEADING A GROUP OF DOCTORS STUDYING THE SITUATION IN EASTERN AND NORTHEASTERN PARAGUAY (ALONG THE BRAZILIAN BORDER) WHERE FEARS OF AN OUTBREAK ARE GREATEST. NO CURRENT CASES HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN THIS AREAS THUS FAR.

3. BOTH THE EMBASSY MEDICAL ADVISOR, DR. NICHOLAS BREUER AND DR. JUAN M. BOETTNER, CHIEF OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE SECTION, HOSPITAL POLICLINICA, ASUNCION, HAVE ADVISED THAT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR UNDUE CONCERN AT PRESENT.

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